

Advanced Search on EBSCO Interfaces - Guided Style

EBSCO research interfaces allow users to conduct advanced searches using Guided-Style Find fields. Guided-Style Find fields assist you in creating a more targeted search.

For example, you can enter your search terms into the **Find** fields and have EBSCOhost search for your terms in only specific citation search fields, such as the Title (TI) or Abstract (AB) fields.

Note: This can also be done using Command Line Searching. See the **Command Line Searching** section at the bottom of this page.

To use Advanced Search with Guided-Style Find Fields:

1. Click the **Advanced Search** link below the **Find** field.
2. Enter your search terms in the first **Find** field on the Advanced Search screen.

3. Choose a citation search field from the **Select a Field** drop-down list (for example, search in only the **Title** field of the citation).
4. Repeat steps 1 and 2 for the second set of **Find** fields.
5. Select a Boolean operator (AND, OR, NOT) to combine the two **Find** field entries.
6. You can enter another Boolean operator, keyword, and search field in the third set of fields.
7. If you need additional rows, click the **Plus button** (+). Up to 12 rows can be displayed. To delete a row, click the **Minus button** (-).
8. Select from the available Search Options:
 - **Search modes** - Use specific search modes, such as "Find all my search terms," or "SmartText Searching," or use search options that expand your search such as "Apply related words."
 - **Limit your results** - Apply limiters such as **Full Text** or **Publication type**.

- **Special Limiters** - Apply limiters specific to a database. If you select a special limiter, it is applied only to the database under which it appears
9. Click the **Search** button. The Result List displays.

The screenshot displays the EBSCOhost search interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links like 'New Search', 'Publications', 'CINAHL Subject Headings', 'Evidence-Based Care Sheets', and 'More'. A 'Sign in' button and 'Folder', 'Preferences', 'Languages', and 'Help' links are also present. The main search area shows the search term 'heart attack or myocardial infarction' entered in the 'TI Title' field. Below this, there are fields for 'OR' and 'AND' search terms, and a 'Select a Field (optional)' dropdown. A green 'Search' button is to the right. Below the search area, there are links for 'Basic Search', 'Advanced Search', and 'Search History'. On the left, a 'Refine Results' sidebar shows the 'Current Search' as 'TI (heart attack or myocardial infarction) OR AB (heart attack...' and 'Limiters' set to 'Full Text'. It also shows 'Limit To' options: 'Full Text' (checked), 'References Available', and 'Human'. A 'Publication Date' range is set from 1947 to 2019. Under 'Source Types', 'All Results' is selected, with 'Academic Journals (7,229)' and 'Magazines (291)' also listed. The main search results area shows 'Search Results: 1 - 10 of 9,440'. The first result is '1. A qualitative study of younger men's experience of heart attack (myocardial infarction)'. It includes the journal title 'Academic Journal', the authors '(includes abstract) Merritt, Christopher J.; Zoysa, Nicole; Hutton, Jane M.; de Zoysa, Nicole; British Journal of Health Psychology, Sep2017, 22(3): 589-606. 20p. (journal article - research) ISSN: 1359-107X PMID: 28544174', and the objectives: 'The effects of heart attack, or myocardial infarction (MI), across psychosocial domains may be particularly acute in younger adults, for whom serious health events are non-normative...'. It also lists subjects: 'Attitude to Health; Myocardial Infarction Psychosocial Factors; Men Psychosocial Factors; Adult: 19-44 years; Female; Male'. Below the abstract, there are links for 'HTML Full Text' and 'PDF Full Text'. The second result is '2. Understanding the role of echocardiography in remodeling after acute myocardial infarction and development of heart failure with preserved ejection fraction.' It includes the journal title 'Academic Journal', the authors '(includes abstract) Tomoaia, Raluca; Beyer, Roxandra Stefana; Simu, Gelu; Serban, Adela Mihaela; Pop, Dana; Medical Ultrasonography, Mar2019, 21(1): 69-76. 8p. (Article) ISSN: 1844-4172 PMID: 30779834', and the abstract: 'Despite the use of reperfusion therapies in the last decades, acute myocardial infarction further remains one of the most frequent causes of mortality. This is mainly caused by changes in the ven...'. It also has a link for 'PDF Full Text'.

The search field is displayed above the Result List. Your search terms, limiters and expanders are retained. To revise your search, you can apply the limiters under **Limit To**. Click the **Show More** link to view all available limiters and expanders.

Command Line Searching

In addition to using the Guided Style Find Fields as demonstrated above, the same search can be created in a single Find field with a Command Line query.

Using the TI field code for Title and AB field code for Abstract, enter the following into the Find field and click **Search**:

TI (heart attack or myocardial infarction) OR AB (heart attack or myocardial infarction)